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January 15, 1969

Mr. William J. Conner,
County Executive
Public Building,
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Re: William C. Ward - Land
Redevelopment Company

Dear Bill:

It would be most helpful if we could have a copy of the County Ordinances governing trash collectors. Bill Ward really needs copies of these ordinances in order to deal properly with the operation of the landfill and the trash collectors' use thereof. I would surely appreciate it if you could get us this information as promptly as possible.

You will recall that during the negotiations preceding the execution of the lease agreement dated December 16, 1968, there was considerable discussion in respect to paragraph 23 dealing with operating hours. It was agreed that in the initial discussions which you had on September 27, 1968 you and Bill Ward had agreed on a Saturday closing at noon but that the first draft of the agreement provided for the operation of the landfill from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday. Prior to the execution of the agreement we discussed this change of hours, and you requested us to accept it in order to ease the burden on the County in

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attempting to complete the transaction with a minimum of delay. At the same time you and Mr. Dutcher agreed that as soon as possible efforts would be made to review the operating hours with the trash collectors with the view toward shortening the hours so that dumping would be discontinued no later than 5:00 P.M.

I believe we are correct in our understanding that the City landfill closes at 4:30 P.M., and there is some reason to believe that some of the City collectors may use the County landfill after the City landfill closes. Furthermore, the operations of the first two weeks give some indication that certain of the collectors go home and eat dinner before bringing the trucks in for dumping just before the closing of the landfill at 6:00 P.M.

This whole matter becomes important because it is increasingly clear that it is extremely difficult to properly manage the landfill after dark. Even with floodlights the lighting is difficult, and perhaps more important the equipment operators are very unhappy with this schedule. This, of course, is for your information alone and should not be released to the public in any way for it might just compound our problems.

We, therefore, urge you to institute the steps which were contemplated at the time the agreement was signed looking toward the modification of the hours of operation. I am sure you will agree that this particular provision was accepted under protest on the basis of your assurance that something would be done to revise the operating hours after operations commenced.

Bill Ward stands ready at any time to discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely,

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William Poole

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cc: Mr. William C. Ward

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P.S. I thought I had a copy of the ordinance authorizing the execution of the lease agreement dated December 16, 1968. I either have mislaid my copy or never received a copy. Would you please send me a copy?

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